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TO: Maine Electric Transmission and Distribution Utilities
FROM: Derek D. Davidson, Director, Consumer Assistance Division
SUBJECT: Annual Low-Income Assistance Program (LIAP) Funding Levels
Chapter 314 §5(C)

Chapter 314, §5(C) states that:

The Commission will monitor the needs of Maine's low-income electric customers and will evaluate annual LIAP funding and expenditure levels and program design features. For the program year beginning October 1, 2002 and for all subsequent program years, the Commission will by March 1 of each year adjust the overall assessment, as well as each utility's assessment, as necessary to ensure that the assistance provided by the LIAPs is consistent with the provisions of 35-A M.R.S.A., § 3214.

The new programs the utilities established to comply with Chapter 314 have been in place for less than one year. As a result, we do not have adequate information to properly evaluate whether the funding levels the Commission initially set in Chapter 314 were appropriate. Accordingly, we are setting the funding and expenditure levels for the program year beginning October 1, 2002 at the same levels set for the program year beginning October 1, 2001. The total statewide spending for the LIAP benefits for the program year beginning October 1, 2002 will therefore be \$5,790,221.00. As the rule requires, we will evaluate the levels again next year.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at (207) 287-3831.

cc: Maine State Housing Authority

